



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 2800**

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Attorney Docket No.: 500055.02 (660073.488D1)

Serial No. : 09/386,646

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GATE AND TRENCH EDGE SPACER ELIMINATION

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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action: Final Rejection dated July 1, 2002.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 22, 24-26, 28, 30, 32 and 34, and add new claims 38-43 as follows:

22. (Five Times Amended) A microelectronic device, comprising
a microelectronic substrate having an upper surface;

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Submission previously submitted
- i. Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 23, 2002, and received by the USPTO on September 3, 2002.
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on _____.

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- b. Submission enclosed
- i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

2. Suspension of Action (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.

3. Accompanying Papers

- Postcard
- Check
- Fee Transmittal Sheet
- Petition

4. Deposit Account

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

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